

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
10 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**PRESENT:**

DAVID W MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-SECRETARY
BRENDON CARROLL	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
MIKE PENN	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-MEMBER
JUAN ADAMS	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
LYNN KELLY	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
TONY LAMANTIA	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
JOHN SEESE	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CHRIS WAGNER		-CHIEF OF POLICE
HARRY COLEMAN		-SOLICITOR

**ABSENT:**

DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Business Meeting of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission was held at the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Building and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Moyer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was an Executive Session from 6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. prior to the Regular Business Meeting regarding Litigation and Public Safety Contract.

**ROLL CALL:**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 13 August 2019, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Mike Oser asked if the minutes were not in the packet how can the public make a comment. Brendon Carroll explained that was addressed at last month's meeting. Chief suggested comments can be made retroactive on last month's approved draft minutes. If the commission agrees it can be amended at that point.

With no additional comments or questions the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVE BILLS:**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 10 September 2019 in the amount of \$182,977.91, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Total calls for the month of August were 1305 consisting of 1204 Complaints and 101 Accidents. There were a total of 96 Criminal Arrests, 144 Traffic Arrests, 185 Traffic Warnings and 5 Ordinance Arrests.

Chief Wagner went over the monthly and year to date activity numbers per municipality as well as the UCR Crime Stats.

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the August Police Report, seconded by Juan Adams.

Kurt Cummings asked if school incidents are part of the reporting stats. Chief explained that juvenile crime is not reported. Mike Oser asked if the stats in Mt Pocono were down due to the time not spent in the borough, Chief explained that would not be the complete picture explaining some traffic numbers are generated through state funded programs.

With no further questions, the motion passed unanimously.

**VEHICLE REPORT:**

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for August.

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the August Vehicle Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Commendations – Det. Corp. Lucas Bray and Det John Bohrman for their outstanding investigation of the Homicide of Morgan Mc Gee on July 11, 2017. Kurt Cummings commented on the professionalism of Det Bray and Det. Bohrman and thanked them on behalf of the family and A Pocono Country Place.
- Resolution 2019-001- Disposition of Records

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept Resolution 2019-001 Deposition of Records, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2020 MMO- Police - \$690,925.87, Non-Uniform- \$9,407.10
- Policy Amendments – 7-1 Pursuit of Motor Vehicles  
7-4 Controlled Tire Deflation Devices

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept both Policy Amendments 7-1 Pursuit of Motor Vehicles and 7-4 Controlled Tire Deflation Devices, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

- New Policy – 7-2 Mobile Video/Audio Recording System

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept Policy 7-2 Mobile Video/Audio Recording System, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Lynn Kelly asked for verification that this was dash cam not body cam. Chief verified it was dash cam. Lynn asked about the recording once the officer leaves the vehicle. Chief stated it is to be used basically in the sphere of the car, not for going into someone's residence. Mostly for traffic stops for something that may

occur in and around the vehicle. Mike Oser asked if the policy is available to the public for review. Chief stated it was.

With no further questions, the motion passed unanimously.

- Nelson Foundation Grant – September 4, 2019 we received a Grant from the Todd and Sheri Nelson Foundation in the amount of \$48,450.00 for a new SWAT Robot.
- LSA Grant – Chief stated he will be submitting Grant paperwork for a 2020 Vehicle Purchase. Chief Wagner will be asking municipality representatives for letters of support.
- PMRPF Fundraiser – August 26<sup>th</sup> Wild Pines Golf Course - Jennine Hofbauer stated this event raised \$37,000 in sponsorships alone. Other events scheduled are: Drive 4 Ur Community Event at Ray Price Ford, Route 940 - Sept. 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Every test drive \$20.00 will be donated to the PMRPF. October 12, 2019 there will be a SWAT Community safety event at Mt. Pocono Plaza from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **UPDATE:**

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – Letter of Support- reduce speed limit to 45 mph (Tanglewood to the Jubilee)

Tunkhannock Township – Compliments to the Department for the Air Show and Indy Race

Coolbaugh – None

Mount Pocono – Police presence requested Thursday at municipal meeting

Barrett Township – None

- **2020-2022 Collective Bargaining** – Francis DePiano stated an agreement has been made and it is currently at the attorneys
- **2020 Hiring Process** – Round 2 Interviews will be conducted September 24 – Francis DePiano will be present for interviews
- **Promotional Process** – All 10 candidates passed the exam. The interview process will be scheduled in October.
- **2020 Budget** – Chief stated we are working on preliminary numbers.
- **Parking lot Seal Coating** – Scheduled for Sept 23 and 24
- **Speed Studies** Coolbaugh Township – SR 611 Hemlock Drive, August 13<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Barrett Township – Gulf Drive- August 21<sup>st</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup>  
Tunkhannock Township – Mountain Road- August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Community Events / Letters of Support** –  
Community Events:  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ofc. Smelas attended Community Day at Indian Mountain Lakes

August 6<sup>th</sup> – Chief Wagner, Lt. Williams, Cpl. Nero and K9 Creed, Ofc. Lutkowski and K9 Hilo, Det. Bohrman, Ofc. Michaels, Ofc. Dunlap and Ofc. Bohrman attended National Night Out at A Pocono Country Place and Tobyhanna Township.

August 15<sup>th</sup> – Lt. Vogt, Sgt. LaRue, Corp Nero, Ofc. Michaels and Ofc. Metzger assisted with Bike4Chai charity ride.

August 24<sup>th</sup> – Ofc. Metzger rode his motorcycle in the Coolbaugh Township 225 Anniversary Parade and attended the Community Day following the parade.

Letters of Support:

Letter from A Pocono Country Place for thanks in the National Night Out Event

Letter received from Long Pond residents regarding our response to (a ghost) 911 call from their residence. They were very appreciative to hear that the officers responded promptly.

Chief Wagner stated we will be participating in the National Take Back Drug Program on October 26, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Vincent Massaro – Thanks to the Police Department for all their hard work and Public Safety in APCP

Francis DePiano – Commented on a news report (WBRE) that Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department is being used as a model for other departments that are anticipating going regional. (Sugar Loaf and Butler Townships)

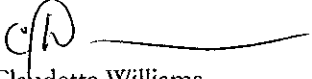
Mike Oser- questioned how PMRPD will handle the issue of providing the information to the borough to justify the pending charges to the establishments violating Mt Pocono's new ordinance of excessive police calls? Chief stated that the borough will request the statistics from the department, the department will provide them to the borough to handle the enforcement end. Mike Penn asked if there can be a distinction to calls made in the Wal-Mart parking lot vs. the actual store. Chief stated at this point we cannot differentiate.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

#### **Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Claudette Williams  
Pocono Mountain Regional Police  
Commission Secretary